

Rejected:

Lowenthal amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–374) that sought to require States to implement the June 30, 1983 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement stream buffer zone rule, unless a State has a program with greater stream protection (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 138) and **Pages H2629–30, H2631–32**

Cartwright amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–374) that sought to ensure that States maintain the ability to issue their own stream buffer rules (by a recorded vote of 196 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 139). **Pages H2630–31, H2632**

H. Res. 501, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2824) and (H.R. 2641), was agreed to on March 6, 2014.

Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the Members on matters of decorum in the House. **Page H2634**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2634.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2631–32, H2632, H2633–34, and H2635. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, APPLIED ENERGY FUNDING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Budget for Department of Energy, Applied Energy Funding. Testimony was heard from David Danielson, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Pete Lyons, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy; Christopher Smith, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy; and Patricia Hoffman, Assistant Secretary, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on USDA Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Kevin Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture; Audrey Rowe, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agri-

culture; and Michael Young, Budget Officer, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY AND MARINE CORPS FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing for Navy and Marine Corps FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Ray Mabus, Secretary, United States Navy; Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy; and General James F. Amos, Commandant, United States Marine Corps.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Transportation Security Administration FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of the Interior FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Department of Energy, Science Budget. Testimony was heard from Patricia Dehmer, Acting Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FY 2015 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Federal Communications Commission FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET—DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Army. Testimony was heard from John McHugh, USA, Secretary of the Army, U.S. Army; and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the Army, U.S. Army.

MILITARY PERSONNEL OVERVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on Military Personnel Overview. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Howard B. Bromberg, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral William F. Moran, Chief of Naval Personnel and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education, U.S. Navy; Sheryl E. Murray, Assistant Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; and Jessica L. Wright, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2015 Missile Defense. Testimony was heard from M. Elaine Bunn, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General David L. Mann, U.S. Army, Commander, United States Strategic Command, Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense; and Vice Admiral James D. Syring, U.S. Navy, Director, Missile Defense Agency.

MEMBERS' DAY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Members' Day". Testimony was heard from the following members of Congress: Schneider; Danny Davis (IL); Schakowsky; Christensen; Reed; Foster; Johnson (GA); Lummis; Kilmer; LaMalfa; Titus; McDermott; Fattah; Lofgren; McGovern; Ellison; Posey; Mulvaney; Griffith (VA); Gosar; Perry; and Esty.

STRENGTHENING THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "The Foundation for Success: Strengthening the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program". Testimony was heard from Gloria Jarmon, Deputy Inspector General for Audit Services, Office of the Inspector General,

Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded markup on a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on H.R. 6, the "Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act". Testimony was heard from Paula Gant, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oil and Natural Gas, Department of Energy; Anita Orbán, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Government of Hungary; and public witnesses.

WHY DEBT MATTERS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Why Debt Matters". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4278, the "Ukraine Support Act"; H. Res. 494, affirming the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act; and H. Res. 418, urging the Government of Burma to end the persecution of the Rohingya people and respect internationally recognized human rights for all ethnic and religious minority groups within Burma. The following bill and resolutions were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4278; H. Res. 418; and H. Res. 494.

DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMS TO BOLSTER HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled "The First One Thousand Days: Development Aid Programs to Bolster Health and Nutrition". Testimony was heard from Tjada D'Oyen McKenna, Acting Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

U.S. DISENGAGEMENT FROM LATIN AMERICA: COMPROMISED SECURITY AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “U.S. Disengagement from Latin America: Compromised Security and Economic Interests”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FY 2015 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “The Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY 2015 Budget Request: Ensuring Effective Preparedness, Response, and Communications”. Testimony was heard from W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 863, the “Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum Act of 2013”; H.R. 3006, to authorize a land exchange involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4017, to designate a peak located in Nevada as “Mount Reagan”; H.R. 4120, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date; and H.R. 4253, to permanently withdraw, reserve, and transfer Bureau of Land Management lands used for military purposes in Alaska, Nevada, and New Mexico to the appropriate Secretary of the military department concerned. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Blackburn; Maloney (NY); and Hoyer; and Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Lands and Mineral Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; and Bob Vogel, Superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks, National Park Service, Department of Labor.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing entitled “Examining the Proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Spending, Priorities and the Missions of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Four Power Marketing Administrations and the U.S. Geological Survey's Water Program”. Testimony was heard from Jerad Bales, Acting Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey; Lowell

Pimley, Acting Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Elliot Mainzer, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration; Mark Gabriel, Administrator, Western Area, Power Administration; Christopher Turner, Acting Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration; and Kenneth Legg, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration.

ENSURING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE CREATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1459, the “Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act”. The Committee granted by record vote of 6–3, a structured rule for H.R. 1459. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In Section 2, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of March 27, 2014, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure addressing the Medicare payment system for physicians and a measure addressing Ukraine. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings (WA) and Representative Bishop (UT).

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup to consider the views and estimates on the Small Business Administration's FY 2015 budget request. The Committee passed the views and estimates.

THE ROLE OF TRADING IN ACHIEVING CLEAN WATER OBJECTIVES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Role of Trading in

Achieving Clean Water Objectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 3593, the “VA Construction Assistance Act of 2013”; H.R. 4261, the “Gulf War Health Research Reform Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4281, the “Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from Stella S. Fiotes, Executive Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Office of Acquisition, Logistics and Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Gregory Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 2942, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3056, the “Warriors’ Peer-Outreach Pilot Program Act”; H.R. 3614, the “Military Skills to Careers Act”; H.R. 4031, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs for performance, and for other purposes; H.R. 4037, the “Improving Veterans’ Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Act of 2014”; H.R. 4038, the “Veterans Benefits Administration Information Technology Improvement Act of 2014”; H.R. 4147, the “Student Veterans IT Upgrade Act”; H.R. 4150, the “Veterans Employment and Training Service Longitudinal Study Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4151, the “Veterans Education Survey Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from Curtis Coy, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Opportunity, Department of Veterans Affairs; Keith Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D297)

H.R. 2650, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land. Signed on March 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–88)

H.R. 3370, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. Signed on March 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–89)

H.R. 4076, to address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane and other home heating fuels in the United States. Signed on March 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–90)

S.J. Res. 32, providing for the reappointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on March 21, 2014. (Public Law 113–91)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Interior, 9:15 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the the current readiness of United States forces in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic forces programs of the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine if alternative financial products are serving consumers, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine protecting personal consumer information from cyber attacks and data breaches, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President’s proposed